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Editorials

- (1) Extension of our trade frontiers needed.

BALTIMORE SUN. ID. 12/10. * * * Not experiments that reduce production by increasing its costs. (17203*)

- (2) An agricultural bloc.

LINCOLN, NEBR. STAR. I. 12/12. There is reason to believe that much good may result from the movement inaugurated by a number of senators and representatives in Congress from the agricultural sections of the Middle West to pool their strength and work together in the interest of the region they represent. It is not to be expected, of course, that these legislators will be blind to the good of the nation as a whole, but their primary concern will be for agriculture and stock raising, the main resources of the Middle Western States. * * * The coming Congress will be one of the most important in the history of the country. If the agricultural Central West is combined it can make its strength respected and be of great good to the states in the grain belt. (17190*)

- (3) Farming everywhere seeking stability by common action.

NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 12/16. (By Ludovico Potenziani and Laura Lubin Saqui, Institute of Agriculture, Rome). Nations begin to consider cooperative planning to balance agricultural production with the market demand. * * * Instead of being the most conservative sector of the economic field, agriculture has become one of the most experimental. The experiments, moreover, are not those of individuals but of governments. Farming is no longer the most individualistic but the most controlled and legislated of economic activities. This is true of American agriculture, and holds good in Europe, where the agricultural problem is everywhere to the fore. * * * The world is now at a turning point. After seeking the causes of agricultural depression and establishing its most important factors, the nations are attempting to bring, through planned effort, some sort of order out of chaos. The object of the planning is to coordinate production and to balance it with demand. * * * (17211*)

Editorials - Pro

- (4) Signs of tentative revival.

WALL ST. JOURNAL. 12/17. Rising activity in a variety of industries, at a time of year when most of them are ordinarily tapering off, has continued long enough to suggest the probability of something more than a mere fluctuating response to depleted inventories. (17221*)

- (5) Federal Farm program.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND. STAR. IR. 12/7. (To the Editor.) I can't understand why some American citizens take the stand that our Government is trying to put one across on the American farmer. They infer, the Government is trying to tie us, hand and foot, that will later work a hardship upon agriculture. The Government is only trying to educate the farmer to handle his affairs in a businesslike way, as other organizations do. * * * (Glen D. Pence, Amboy, Ind.) (17202*)

(1) End of scarcity policy.

UTICA, N.Y. DISPATCH. I. 12/17. In the annual report of the department, Secy of Agri. Wallace gives the impression of one who never thought any too well of the crop restriction and farm bonus idea. * * * Secy Wallace has been the target for most of the criticism leveled against the paradoxical policies of the A.A.A. His report seems to show that at heart he realized its weaknesses but has justified them on the broad "emergency" argument. It is important to find him really looking ahead to a permanent solution in which abundance and not scarcity will be emphasized. (884860)

(2) "Balanced abundance."

CINCINNATI, O. TIMES-STAR. R. 12/17. Secy Wallace's annual report shows characteristic thoughtfulness, freedom from cant and willingness to face unpleasant facts. * * * This is an admirable statement of the problem and of the indicated solution. If it is shared by a majority of the farmers' representatives in the new Congress, fewer quack nostrums for helping the farmer at the expense of the urban population will be offered than we have seen for many years. (884113)

(3) Secy Wallace's policy.

DALLAS, TEX. HERALD. IR. 12/14. * * * The policy of the Government seems to be to make output conform to demand and to work for an increase in demand so that there will be more room for expansion. This policy is in line with common sense. Why should the farmers continue to plant bumper crops when there is no profitable market to absorb them? * * * Farmers cannot produce bumper crops at a loss to themselves merely to provide employment for those who handle their products. * * * Those who protest that because decrease in output works hardship on groups that handle produce after it leaves the farmer, virtually advocate that the Government pay the farmers a subsidy for producing a surplus. (884831)

Editorial - Con

(4) A lot more of nothing.

NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE. IR. 12/18. It is getting, if anything, harder and harder for the average citizen to keep up with the voluminous enterprises of the New Deal planning boards; but by way of compensation there is, on the other hand, less and less necessity for any one to be alarmed over the possibility of their being put into execution. * * * To slap together in six months a report on national planning variously composed of platitudes, dreams, some hasty statistical analysis and a large neglect of the practical details of execution may serve to advertise the planning idea, but is unlikely to be of any other use whatever. (17222*)

New Columns

(5) Farmers urged to stand on own.

NEW YORK WORLD TELEGRAM. I. 12/10. (Nashville, AP) Federation counsel warns against becoming state wards. (17205*)

- (1) Farm official raps wealthy interests.

DENVER, COLO. ROCKY MT. NEWS. I. 12/6. (Fort Collins, AP) Colorado agriculturists told to fight those who hold concentrated riches. * * * "Education alone is not enough," says Ray W. Gill of the Oregon State Grange. "We must organize and act together against the power of concentrated wealth. The fight against the income tax and for a sales tax is being carried on by concentrated wealth." (17204*)

- (2) Congressmen to organize farm bloc.

DENVER, COLO. POST. I. 12/5. (Sioux City, Ia. AP) Members from agricultural states called to meeting. Seeking to mold a solid agricultural bloc in the next House, Congressmen from eleven Central Western States meet to formulate a program "that will enlist the support of all House members from the agricultural states." (17215*)

- (3) Young farmers movement started.

ST. LOUIS, MO. POST-DISPATCH. ID. 12/9. (Des Moines, AP) A new organization which agriculturists believe will yield a vigorous crop of farm leaders is taking root in the fertile soil of the Middle West. It is an organization of young farmers, some of whom are college graduates. They are young men, ranging in age from 18 to 30, who feel there is need for more thoughtful, more critical study of farm problems, and who are preparing themselves to tackle them. (17207*)

- (4) Grange head urges farmers to organize.

NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 12/12. (Niagara Falls, N.Y. AP) A warning to agriculture to organize "solidly and soon" to protect itself between solid walls of organized labor and capital was issued by Fred J. Freestone, State Grange Master, in his address at the opening of the organization's annual convention. (17210*)

- (5) Agriculture must remain capitalistic.

JACKSON, MISS. DAILY NEWS. D. 12/13. (Nashville) America's agricultural industry should and will remain capitalistic in form, Donald Kirkpatrick, general counsel of the American Farm Bureau Federation, said in an address prepared for the convention of the Federation. (17194*)

- (6) Farm mortgage refinance bill will be pushed.

LINCOLN, NEBR. STAR. I. 12/22. (Wash. AP) Supporters of the Frazier-Lemke bill to refinance farm mortgages--a measure which has just been revised to set a \$3,000,000,000 limit of expansion of the currency--started a drive to have the next Congress enact it. (17193*)

- (7) Britain expands her foreign trade.

NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 12/13. (17220*)

- (1) Farmers stage a riot in Paris.

SALT LAKE TRIBUNE. I. 11/28. (Paris, UP) Peasants protest against lack of market for products. Farmers battled police in the streets of Paris protesting against agricultural conditions. (17218*)

- (2) French farmers attack new bill for agriculture.

CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE. IR. 12/9. (By Edmond Taylor, Paris) Government would drop artificial support. The farm problem this week became the center of France's economic preoccupation following the introduction of the Government's bill for absorbing wheat and wine surpluses. Peasants bitterly attacked the new bill through agricultural organizations and through the intangible but powerful agricultural bloc in parliament which is no respecter of the usual party alignments when the interests of that solidly important element, the French peasantry are at stake. Their opposition may prove the rock on which the cabinet of Pierre-Etienne Flandin will break. (17199*)

News Columns - Pro

- (3) Defends Farm Bureau agency.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND. STAR. IR. 11/25. Edmond C. Fouse, editor of the HOOSIER FARMER, says co-operative association is not socialistic institution. (17217*)

- (4) Lead in recovery seen set by farms.

NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 12/16. Industrialist cites rise of 22 percent in agricultural income in a year. Uptrend well sustained. Further gains said to depend on come-back in industry, enlarging purchasing. (17213*)

- (5) Rural empire of Southwest is looking up.

OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMAN. ID. 12/16. (By Dudley Doolittle) In the great agricultural empire of the Ninth Farm Credit Administration district, comprising the four states of Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, and New Mexico, conditions are on the up-grade--a gradual and uneven grade, but still an up-grade. (17182*)

- (6) A cheerful outlook is facing farmer.

WASHINGTON POST. I. 12/16. Domestic demand for products will be slightly higher with foreign market somewhat off; experts see surpluses cut. Farmers face in 1935 the brightest prospect they have seen since 1930, provided weather conditions return to normal, the Associated Press reported. (17214*)

- (7) Farming states are better off despite drought.

CHICAGO DAILY NEWS. I. 11/24. (By Herman Gastrell Seely) Higher prices and aid of A.A.A. help offset cut in crops. (17216*)

- (1) Farm Bureau votes confidence in A.A.A. at final sessions.
MEMPHIS, TENN. COMMERCIAL APPEAL. D. 12/13. (By Hilton Butler, Nashville) Full continuation of the A.A.A. program for an indefinite time was recommended by the American Farm Bureau Federation in its final public session of its sixteenth annual convention. (17224*)
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- (2) '34 farm income rises 668 million as output drops.
ATLANTA, GA. CONSTITUTION. D. 12/19. (17185*)
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- (3) Rising farm prices predicted for 1935.
INDIANAPOLIS, IND. STAR. IR. 12/10. (Lafayette, Ind.) Indiana farmers have in prospect a year of rising farm prices and a more profitable period of farm operation in 1935, as indicated by the general economic outlook and the results of this year's drought. This trend is revealed in "The Outlook for Indiana Agriculture in 1935," prepared by Purdue University. (17209*)
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- (4) Improved farm situation noted.
BIRMINGHAM, ALA. AGE-HERALD. ID. 12/7. (New Orleans, AP) Better conditions over Alabama and other states reported. (17200*)
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- (5) Farming on way up, Grange hears.
CLEVELAND, O. PLAIN DEALER. ID. 12/12. (Columbus, O. AP) Federal Land Bank Chief cites gain in land values of Ohio convention. (17206*)
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- (6) Swift & Co. has best earning in three years.
CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE. IR. 12/18. (17223*)
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- (7) Growing criticism of Roosevelt plans taken as favorable.
ST. LOUIS, MO. GLOBE-DEMOCRAT. I. 12/10. (By Theodore H. Price, Editor, Commerce and Finance. New York) Vast improvement in public psychology seen as confidence increases--people confident ship of state can ride out one more storm. (17208*)
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- (8) Borrowed cash being repaid by farmers in this section.
LINCOLN, NEBR. STAR. I. 12/22. (Omaha, AP) Keeping up interest and also cutting down principal. (17192*)
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- (9) Farm machinery industry gains, says engineer.
CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE. IR. 12/7. Recent tractor sales set new record. (17201*)
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- (10) Sale of Farm equipment up 86 percent.
DALLAS, TEX. MORNING NEWS. ID. 12/14. British Empire chief market for American farm implements. (17212*)
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(1) Farms double parity efforts.

JACKSON, MISS. DAILY NEWS. D. 12/17. Confidence, trend to end ills seen in referendum. Farmers of America emerge from 1934 filled with enthusiasm because of the signal victory over depression, elated that adversities of weather and of economic circumstances have been overcome for the moment, but determined to redouble rather than relax their efforts for agricultural parity, says J. C. Holton, commissioner of agriculture, Mississippi. * * * "The adjustment of the cotton production to market demands and its maintenance on that basis means increased and continuing prosperity. The adjustment of other phases of agricultural effort so as to provide for necessary food and feed crops and livestock is the inevitable basis of a sound and profitable agricultural order." (17188*)

C O T T O NEditorials

(2) For better cotton.

ATLANTA, GA. CONSTITUTION. D. 12/23. * * * There is only one solution to the problem and that lies in the improvement of the quality of American cotton. Nowhere else in the world can cotton of as fine quality be grown and the salvation of the American grower depends upon his producing only the finest grades. (17191*)

(3) Shift from cotton to food crops needed.

LOWELL, MASS. CITIZEN. NP. 12/17. It is becoming a grave question whether the A.A.A. is not making a mistake in regarding, or allowing the cotton planters to regard, the acreage reduction measure as a mere plan to tide over a period of insufficient demand and to raise by artificial means the low prices that follow the inadequate market. What is probably needed is a permanent shift of considerable proportions from cotton to food crops, including fruit and nut trees and dairy products. * * * Perhaps the Dept. of Agri. would do better to plan a radical readjustment rather than a temporary relief that does not seem to be relieving. (884809)

(4) All in favor--aye!

CANTON, O. REPOSITORY. IR. 12/17. Cotton farmers are in favor of crop control, 10 to 1. They are in favor of President Roosevelt, 10 to 1. They are in favor of being paid rent for cotton land taken out of production and bonuses for the part of their crop expected to go into domestic production. * * * It's a reasonable guess that the one farmer in 10 who voted against the Bankhead law represented the proportion of farmers who understand its broad significance to cotton growers and the whole country. * * * Let the TEXAS WEEKLY speak again: "The matter with cotton is what's the matter with everything else. Its market collapsed four years ago as the result of a world economic collapse. What cotton needs is what everything else needs--a restoration of the commerce of the world on a stable basis. * * * If the United States would give serious attention to such matters as permanent settlement of war debts, lowering of tariff barriers, and stabilization of the currency, early recovery would be more certain." (884098)

Editorials - Pro

- (1) The bankhead referendum.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK. GAZETTE. ID. 12/16. * * * The referendum gave individual opinion among the nation's cotton growers a chance to express itself. It proved to be overwhelmingly in favor of continued crop restriction under a compulsory measure. (17189*)

- (2) The South overwhelmingly sustains the Bankhead law.

ATLANTA, GA. JOURNAL. D. 12/16. (884097)

- (3) The cotton vote.

PROVIDENCE, R.I. NEWS-TRIBUNE. D. 12/17. * * * The size of the vote suggests that it would have been favorable even if the Administration had not promised to ask Congress to exempt from the act's provisions the growers of only two bales of cotton or less. When that concession was made, opposition from small growers virtually disappeared. * * * The vote can hardly be cited with cogency on either side of that discussion, except insofar as it shows the cotton growers satisfied. Another year's test will throw more light on the fundamental principle by providing further data as to the condition of our cotton trade in contrast with others competing in the world markets. But at least the vote establishes one thing of importance. It is that crop control is not being forced on the cotton growers against their will. In that regard the Administration, and the Congress, evidently guessed many times better than their critics. (884826)

Editorials - Con

- (4) After the Bankhead referendum.

CHICAGO TRIBUNE. IR. 12/20. * * * The Federal Emergency Relief administration should give the cotton states a few months in which to make provision for the Bankhead act's victims, and when the period of grace has passed all Federal relief activities in the cotton belt should be discontinued. As the cotton planters have deliberately chosen to create unemployment in their communities and have profited by so doing, they cannot avoid the moral duty to support those whose livelihoods have been destroyed. (884808)

- (5) Oppose? -- Keep silent.

TULSA, OKLA. TRIBUNE. ID. 12/17. As proof of the economic soundness and social justice of the Bankhead cotton control law, spokesmen for the New Deal for American agriculture will point with exultation to the nine to one majority favoring the plan in the poll of cotton farmers last week. The plebiscite in this respect was almost an exact parallel of the methods by which Mussolini, Hitler, and Stalin have definitely proved that fascism, naziism, and communism, respectively are the best systems ever devised. When the people of any country learn that they have to stand in with the political bosses in order to get anything like a square deal the bosses win every time. Many who would like to vote against them decide it is safer not to vote--as did half of the number of cotton farmers eligible to vote on the Bankhead law. (884806)

News Columns - Con

- (1) In today's news.

MIAMI, FLA. HERALD. ID. 12/16. Southern farmers vote overwhelmingly for retention of the Bankhead compulsory cotton control act. That was to be expected. When growers may be paid more for not producing than they can get in exchange for work. * * * Curtailing American cotton production for the purpose of raising prices means that the United States will lose its foreign markets; that other countries will grab the business. Restricting output cannot bring greater wealth and prosperity. (17187*)

- (2) French cotton industry plans trade revival.

ASHEVILLE, N.C. TIMES. ID. (Paris, AP) (17186*)

D A I R Y

News Column

- (3) British milk board controls every drop.

MILWAUKEE, WIS. JOURNAL. I. 11/25. (By Richard L. Strout, London, Eng.) System has not eliminated all rivals and wasteful competition, but does give farmer a larger proportion. (17219*)

News Columns - Pro

- (4) Profits of dairy companies slightly higher for '34.

LOUISVILLE, KY. COURIER-JOURNAL. I. 12/9. Reputable dairy companies have improved somewhat the level of their profits this year, as compared with 1933, but the industry at best is yielding only subnormal returns. Its principal problems, underconsumption and an abnormal rate of production, remain unsolved. Its great need is a general upturn in the use of fluid milk, butter and ice cream. (17197*)

- (5) Use of milk mounts despite price raise.

ST. PAUL, MINN. PIONEER PRESS. I. 12/6. According to an analysis of the milk situation in Omaha and Council Bluffs. (17196*)

- (6) California Farm Bureau favors control of dairy industry.

PACIFIC DAIRY REVIEW, San Francisco. NP. Dec. 1934. (17181*)

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News Columns - Pro

- (1) Textiles upturn seen by Nystrom.

NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 12/8. Increased sales of silk and rayon products are in prospect, Paul H. Nystrom, professor of marketing at Columbia University and vice chairman of the National Retail Code Authority, told members of the silk and rayon industry. (17198*)

- (2) Large majority for tobacco control act.

RALEIGH, N.C. NEWS & OBSERVER. D. 12/19. Report over 95 percent of ballots for Kerr-Smith Act. (17183*)

- (3) Farmers vote for control of tobacco heavy.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA. TIMES-UNION. ID. 12/22. (AP) (17195*)

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- (4) Philippine rice held menace to industry in U.S.

NEW ORLEANS TIMES-PICAYUNE. ID. 12/15. (17184*)

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Editorials

(1) Mr. Wallace is right.

SOUTHERN AGRICULTURIST, Nashville, Tenn. Dec. 1934. When Secy Wallace expresses disappointment that "Southern leadership has not been able to lower tariff walls in the past" he means, of course, the recent past. Southern leadership did lower tariff walls just a hundred years ago; lowered them, after a battle which shook the country, and kept them down for the next quarter of a century--from 1834 to 1860. The South prospered increasingly. So did the country. * * * (17424*)

(2) The farmer's opportunity.

SALT LAKE CITY NEWS. I. 12/17. Farmers' incomes for the first nine months of this year were \$834,000,000 more than for the corresponding period of last year, due in large measure to Government farm relief activities. Officials now believe that the major part of these activities must cease and that other factors, over which Government has little or no control, will determine future agricultural economic conditions. * * * Farmers as well as business men should be willing to take their chances in a fair field. There is grave danger in depending on Federal favors or much Federal direction, as men have been encouraged to do during these times of business depression. There is evidence now that the Government, after experimentation, is ready to let business work out its own salvation. * * * (886673).

Editorials - Pro

(3) Scarcity where?

WALLACE FARMER, Des Moines, Ia. 12/22. * * * And why criticize the farmer for doing for the first time, in a moderate and intelligent way, what industry has been doing for years, and is still doing, in a much more drastic way and on a much larger scale? (17274*)

(4) News from distressed farms.

MONTGOMERY, ALA. ADVERTISER. D. 1/1. * * * As farmers go, so goes the Nation. Times are better! They are likely soon to become very much better. Let us rejoice! (891529)

(5) Farm income up.

BUFFALO, N. Y. COURIER-EXPRESS. I. 12/20. Without considering the reasons therefor, one may feel that the reported increase in values of farm crops for the present year is not without significant impress upon the general economic condition of the country. * * * (886675)

(6) Farm lands increase in value.

MADISON, WIS. JOURNAL. IR. 12/19. Reports from the 12 Federal Land banks give the encouraging news that farm land values have increased in the United States on an average of 20 percent during the past year. * * * (886687)

(1) Evidence of farm recovery.

DAVENPORT, IA. TIMES. IR. 12/22. Impressive evidence of improved farm conditions is offered in the report released by the Federal Land bank of Omaha, which made known that farmers who borrowed from that institution had already repaid \$1,794,000. * * * (887685)

(2) Farmers are better off.

TOPEKA, KANS. DAILY CAPITAL. R. 12/20. Kansas localities report fewer tax delinquencies than last year, mainly due to the A.A.A. bonuses, and to higher prices of farm products. Excluding the A.A.A. benefits, however, the smaller crops this year have brought more actual money return than the larger crops of 1933. * * *. In spite of droughts and small yields the financial condition of agriculture, as 1935 dawns is materially better than for several years. (17402*)

(3) The farmer's good year.

GALVESTON, TEX. TRIBUNE. ID. 12/26. * * *. Paradoxically it was not the farmers themselves who finally brought about their improved conditions, but the fact that a readjustment of farm conditions would benefit the country generally. The farmers merely waited and garnered the good results. (889047)

(4) An effective answer.

RALEIGH, N. C. NEWS & OBSERVER. D. 12/30. * * *. These increases in farmer fortune came, too, in years when by reason of tariff walls and hard times abroad there was much less than a normal demand for cotton and tobacco. With reciprocity treaties and other measures put into effect to increase foreign commerce, there is ground to hope for permanent profitable prices for agricultural products. (890536)

(5) Farm revenues climb fast.

ATLANTA, GA. CONSTITUTION. D. 12/30. The estimate of the value of Georgia's 1934 agricultural crops, released by the Georgia crop reporting service, showing a 26 percent increase over 1932, reveals the metamorphosis that has taken place in the financial condition of the farmers of the state under the recovery program. * * * (17262*)

(6) The returning tide of farm income.

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. JOURNAL. ID. 12/20. The smallest aggregate crop total recorded in thirty years brings in its wake the highest farm incomes in the past four years. * * *. Slowly but surely its increase is being reflected in better business conditions. (886674)

(7) Results of the processing taxes.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. JOURNAL. IR. 12/31. * * *. The merit of the plan lies in what it has done for the farmer. Its disadvantage is not so much that it adds to the general cost of living as that it takes a greater proportional share from those of small incomes. (17275*)

(1) The agricultural outlook.

SOUTHERN PLANTER. Dec. 1934. * * * The farm outlook continues bright for another year. Prices of farm commodities should continue to advance during the first half of 1935, because of a sharply reduced supply and the general pickup in industrial activity. The export market is not so favorable. The self-sufficiency policy in Germany and the monetary disadvantages of China and France will more than offset favorable markets in the United Kingdom, Canada and Japan. Trade barriers tend to restrict agricultural exports. During the second half of 1935, farm prices will depend upon crop prospects and general industrial activity. * * * (17272*)

Editorials - Con

(2) Crop limitation not working for benefit of the farmer.

PATERSON, N.J. CALL. R. 12/27. Because of the difference in the price level between grains here and abroad, we already are hearing about the importation of wheat and other cereals into the United States. * * * The American farmer ought to be permitted to raise enough to be able to compete in the world market. If he does not get this permission he certainly should have a tariff high enough to protect him in his own market. To do otherwise means economic suicide for the grain raisers of this country. (889025)

(3) Strangle hold.

DETROIT, MICH. FREE PRESS. IR. 12/20. * * * Now that the A.A.A. and the N.R.A. and certain other alphabetical nightmares have been inflicted on the nation and have obtained a strangle hold it is going to require a tremendous effort to get free from them and the ruinous monetary exactions and autocratic bureaucracy they are fostering. (17276*)

(4) Processing tax opposed.

MACON, GA. TELEGRAPH & NEWS. D. 12/23. * * * The processing tax has come in for serious criticism on the part of Democrats as well as Republicans and the gross inequalities resulting in the various states certainly present a serious situation. (888347)

(5) Down on the farm.

EMPORIA, KANS. GAZETTE. R. 12/25. The drought, heat waves, scourges of grasshoppers and allied pests, came to the aid of unbalanced scarcity to boost farm incomes for 1934. * * * But unfortunately and ironically, while many thousands under the A.A.A. program are better off, other thousands are hammering for their first time at the door of the National Treasury begging for subsistence. Prosperity columns on agriculture are bitter reading for them. The farm mess is not cleared up by mere price raising. (17406*)

(6) A.A.A. Ballyhoo.

BUFFALO, N.Y. NEWS. IR. 12/26. By means of propaganda none too subtle, the officials of the A.A.A. are trying to sell the consumers of the country on the theory that the increase in the price of farm products is costing them little or nothing. The idea will not register with those who take the trouble

To analyze the estimates, but many will not fail to be impressed by the misleading ballyhoo. * * * The A.A.A. becomes a purely political agency when it seeks to create the impression that its activities retard the price advance. (890543)

(1) A.A.A. versus farm initiative.

RURAL NEW YORKER. New York. 11/24. * * * The eastern markets now appear to be the target at which the A.A.A. is shooting, but the farm industry throughout the country is slated to be the victim if this program is carried much further. Every farmer, no matter where he lives, knows that all he owns is his by virtue of his own individual initiative and not by the grace of the Federal Government. The real price that the American farmer is being asked to pay for the A.A.A. program is the loss of his individual initiative. Discrimination might be eradicated, borrowed money might be repaid, but a softened spine can rarely be straightened. (14723*)

News Columns

(2) Large market for power use on U. S. farms.

DALLAS, TEX. MORNING NEWS. ID. 12/19. Electrification in Southwest amounts to only two percent. Far below Europe. 50 percent of farms in Continental Europe have service. * * * (17403*)

(3) Larger foreign outlet for farm products likely.

DALLAS MORNING NEWS. ID. 12/21. (Wash.) European programs of self-sufficiency will fail, Olsen believes. * * * (17419*)

(4) Canada increases trade with Empire.

NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 12/23. (Ottawa, Ont.) Exports to British nations 34 percent more than before compacts were made. Shipments to United States rise. Gain of 22 percent reported for year. Our exports to the Dominion up six percent. * * * (17418*)

News Columns - Pro

(5) Southern growers pocket millions in New Deal for farm.

MEMPHIS, TENN. COMMERCIAL APPEAL. D. 12/27. (By Glenn Ramsey, Atlanta, Ga.) Planned production under Federal guidance proves boon to agriculturists. *** (17401*)

(6) Crop value of state doubled.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA. AGE-HERALD. ID. 12/21. (Montgomery, Ala.) Prices advance while acreage declines for 1934 season. * * * (17409*)

(7) Industry and farm leaders ready to meet.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA. AGE-HERALD. ID. 12/17. * * * (17271*)

- (1) Florida's 1934 farm crops are valued at \$82,941,000.
JACKSONVILLE, FLA. TIMES-UNION. ID. 12/25. Gain of \$25,027,000 over 1932, and \$16,282,000 better than 1933. * * * (17266*)
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- (2) Dixie farmers lauds season, sees big '35.
JACKSON, MISS. DAILY NEWS. D. 12/28. (Atlanta, Ga.) * * * (17263*)
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- (3) Farm conditions better, outlook for '35 brighter.
NEW ORLEANS TIMES-PICAYUNE. ID. 12/27. (Atlanta, Ga. AP) Credit for cash in pockets of planters given to President. * * * (17259*)
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- (4) Georgia's 1934 crop value shows gain of 26 percent.
ATLANTA, GA. CONSTITUTION. D. 12/28. * * * (17258*)
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- (5) Crop program of New Deal brings South millions in cash.
JACKSONVILLE, FLA. TIMES-UNION. ID. 12/27. (Atlanta, Ga. AP) * * (17257*)
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- (6) Dixie farm millions mounting.
BIRMINGHAM, ALA. AGE-HERALD. ID. 12/27. (Atlanta, Ga. AP) Southern agricultural commissioners laud President's plan. Big improvement shown in reports. General outlook is for greater progress in coming year. * * * (17429*)
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- (7) Farm credit outlook for state bright as crop revenue mounts.
JACKSON, MISS. DAILY NEWS. D. 12/24. * * * (17268*)
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- (8) Packing house volume shows vast increase.
CHICAGO TRIBUNE. IR. 1/2. * * * (308145)
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- (9) Wisconsin farmers enter 1935 with bright prospects.
MADISON, WIS. CAPITAL TIMES. I. 12/30. Outlook better now than for several years, says State Agricultural Commissioner. * * * (17273*)
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- (10) Farming gains in state cited.
CHARLESTON, W. VA. MAIL. IR. 12/25. Income 12 percent higher for year; crop value is \$28,766,000. * * * (305925)
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- (11) Farm outlet for steel up.
KANSAS CITY, MO. STAR. I. 12/26. (New York, AP) Buying of agricultural implements implies improved conditions. * * * (17430*)
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- (12) Farmers show new optimism.
WICHITA, KANS. BEACON. I. 1/1. * * * (17422*)

(1) Southwest trade 50 percent over U.S. average.
CHICAGO JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 12/24. (Kansas City, Mo.) Retail business up 24 percent against national gain of 16 percent. * * * (17269*)

(2) Farmers look for upswing.
CLEVELAND, O. PRESS. I. 12/31. (By Kenneth E. Solt) Majority believe that 1935 will see better times in Ohio. Farmers near to Cleveland are more optimistic over the outlook for 1935 than they have been for several years.
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(3) Bureau backs A.A.A., sales tax.
DES MOINES, IA. REGISTER. IR. 12/23. (Clarinda, Ia.) Many county officers are re-elected. The Page County Farm Bureau went on record as favoring the A.A.A. in their annual meeting. * * * (17410*)

(4) Farmer's outlook brighter for 1935.
COLUMBUS, O. DISPATCH. I. 12/31. Income for Ohio agriculturists to be increased. Farm prospects for 1935 are brighter than in any year since 1929, according to the Ohio Farm Bureau. * * * (309402)

(5) The agricultural outlook for 1935.
OHIO FARMER, Cleveland. 12/22. (By Gilbert Gusler) Signs point to better times for farmers next year. * * * (17421*)

(6) Labor and farm organizations in united front.
TOPEKA, KANS. DAILY CAPITAL. R. 12/22. (By Clif Stratton) * * * "That it is the intention of the Joint Legislative Committee of organized labor of Kansas to cooperate with the seven farm organizations in obtaining progressive legislation." * * * (17407*)

(7) Rural Illinois activities aiding farmer morale.
CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE. IR. 12/23. (Urbana, Ill.) * * * Rural people have been holding more and better community meetings, have developed new capable leaders, have conducted enlightening discussions on world and national problems as they affect agriculture, and have found that they can provide their own entertainment at little or no expense. These activities not only have been a potent factor in keeping up the morale of farm people, but also have given them new ways of using their time to make living more attractive. (D. E. Lindstrom, Rural Sociology Extension Specialist.) (17415*)

(8) Farmers ending red letter year.
DES MOINES, IA. REGISTER. IR. 12/26. (By J. S. Russell) The year 1934 is certain to stand out as a red-letter year in the experience of every man who farmed in Iowa during the 12-month period. Agriculture occupied the spot light in the Nation in 1934 for the fourth consecutive year. It was a year crowded with experiences never before known to the Iowa farmer and his family. * * * (17428*)

News Columns - Con

(1) Processing tax fight is opened by Treadway.
NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE. IR. 12/20. Repeal bill is filed with House, he reveals, citing 'unfairness' of project. (17277*)

(2) Radical farm bloc plans opposition to A.A.A.'s program.
BLOOMINGTON, ILL. DAILY PANTAGRAPH. I. 12/25. (Wash. INS) A frontal attack upon the Administration's agricultural policy was being framed by the "radical farm bloc" in Congress, with promise of a bitter battle before the new session ends. * * * (17267*)

(3) Farms' future is called dark.
DETROIT, MICH. FREE PRESS. IR. 12/31. (Ann Arbor) Loss of hope in permanent relief forthcoming from Governmental ventures and the lack of an aggressive and co-operative spirit toward bettering their own situation are lowering the farmers' standard of living and forming the bases for an American peasantry, says Roy H. Holmes, assistant professor of sociology at the University of Michigan. * * * (307452)

(4) Restrictions upon machinery certain to raise farm prices.
DENVER POST. I. 12/25. (By Lord Ogilvy) * * * A Government bulletin on mechanical thinning of beets is a case in point. This system cuts labor, it is true, but it makes production of sugar cheaper. * * * The foreign market used to be exceedingly important to American farmers. It took more than half their cotton, one-quarter of their wheat; one-sixth their hog products, one-third their tobacco and important fractions of rice, apples, grapefruit and other products. Even more important, the price on the world market generally controlled the price on the entire production of these products within this country. Prior to the A.A.A. nearly half the farmers' income was subject to the vicissitudes of the world market. * * * We had surpluses long before A.A.A. was born or thought of. Most everything in the country was built up by excess over our own wants. It was Government interference with free flow to the export markets that continued the trouble and drowned the farmer. (17431*)

C O T T O N

Editorials

(5) A false notion.
GREENVILLE, S.C. NEWS. ID. 12/25. * * * The South needs to get away from the idea that its agricultural workers can make their living doing nothing but producing cotton. That illusion is one of the big causes of our poverty in agricultural circles. * * * (868330)

(1) Planters not shooting Santa Claus.

FALL RIVER, MASS. HERALD-NEWS. 12/20. There can be no doubt henceforth of the popularity of the cotton crop curtailment order with the farmers of the South who grow cotton. * * * There is another effect in forcing unnatural prices for cotton, such as the Bankhead law accomplishes. It is to drive away foreign buyers of American cotton. Already the increase in cotton production abroad has become a matter of serious concern. * * * (886647)

(2) Japan's textile industry.

DALLAS, TEX. MORNING NEWS. 12/28. There is more behind the rapid advance of Japan in the textile industry than the mere taking advantage of fortuitous circumstances, according to Curtis Vinson of the Texas A. & M. College, writing in THE NEWS Dec. 25. His observations have led him to the conclusion that depreciation of the yen and a low wage scale have been of less importance than development of high industrial efficiency through studied effort. Beset with the problem of the depression, Japan has endeavored to solve it by improvement of technique, elimination of waste, and general increase of efficiency. Japan has today the most efficient cotton spinning and weaving industry in the world and is turning its attention to synthetic fibers. It has 8,500,000 modern spindles and plans to have 10,000,000 by the end of 1935. * * * It is not necessary to abandon plans for rationalized industrial competition and higher labor standards in this country, but it is necessary that we watch foreign competitors when we make such plans. (17399*)

Editorials - Pro

(3) Moral of cotton vote.

SIOUX CITY JOURNAL. 12/21. Despite all the newspaper propaganda against it, despite the ranting of politicians, commercial and private interests and the failure of the Government to attempt to influence them, cotton farmers voted at the rate of nine to one to retain the compulsory Bankhead control law. * * * The moral of the cotton and corn-hog votes seems to be that there is a lot of independent thinking going on among farmers nowadays. (17405*)

(4) The Bankhead vote.

MEMPHIS, TENN. COMMERCIAL APPEAL. 12/22. Disregarding for the time being all other considerations involved, the overwhelming preference for compulsory crop control shown by the cotton growers who voted in the poll on the Bankhead Act is more interesting in that it has provoked pointed comment all over the country. One is safe in saying, too, that comment has ranged in tone all the way from unqualified denunciation to equally unstinted approval of the result and the principles involved. There is clear gain in the fact that the poll has done something definite to wake ordinarily regardless sections of the Nation to the basic importance of cotton in the national scheme of things, and to impress on urban communities with additional force the fact that they have an interest in the settlement and adjustment of farm problems on a fair, satisfactory basis. In other words, and leaving aside any other features of the matter, the poll on the Bankhead Act has had its educational values. (17404*)

(1) Use of cotton surplus at home.

WALL ST. JOURNAL. 12/31. (Editor, The Wall Street Journal.) A billion dollar crop, repeated annually, is the contribution of cotton to American business. It employs two million people in production, more than a million in its manufacture and distributes millions of dollars in the channels of trade. It is a boon to mankind as a cheap and sanitary fabric for clothing and its use should be more diversified and widespread. * * * Stop shipping cotton bales to enrich competing nations. There are undreamed possibilities in the cotton industry if Yankee ingenuity and unmatched mechanical skill pay court to science, research and industrial statesmanship. (Louis J. Brooks. St. Louis, Mo.) (17400*)

Editorials - Con

(2) A short-sighted expedient.

FT. WAYNE, IND. NEWS-SENTINEL. R. 12/20. * * * When Southern planters went to the polls and approved the Bankhead Act's continued operation, they were voting for high prices, apparently giving no thoughtful consideration to the deeper and more permanent issue of a sustained demand for their product in the markets of the world. (888331)

(3) The cotton voters.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS. UNION. R. 12/18. * * * But the A.A.A. Administrators seem to think that the price to the American grower is the only desirable objective, without visualizing the possible destruction of the foreign market for our cotton and thus an ultimate injury to the cotton growers. It is, however, called national planning. (886650)

(4) Economic suicide of the South.

QUINCY, MASS. NEWS. I. 12/28. Garet Garrett in a most enlightening article in this week's SATURDAY EVENING POST quotes startling figures showing that five years ago America produced 60 percent of the world's cotton. Last year we dropped to 50 percent. This year we produced only 40 percent. * * * Mr. Garrett's article merely confirms predictions published frequently in the last two years by that astute Texas economist, Peter Molyneaux. He has declared time and again that limiting of the American cotton crop and pegging prices will merely surrender the market for our greatest agricultural crop to foreign competitors. Industrial New England should be interested in this economic suicide of the South. Destruction of the market for the South's money crop will further decrease the diminishing market for our manufactured goods. * * * (891525)

(5) A.A.A. cotton victory hollow?

LANSING, MICH. STATE JOURNAL. I. 12/28. * * * The TEXAS WEEKLY acknowledges that the nine-to-one victory for Federal cotton control was a large one, but it adds that it was a "hollow victory." * * * The Government so managed the election that it could not be otherwise than it should win. It is a curious new manifestation in American politics when the Government comes into the field in defense of its policy and virtually permits no other view in the matter than that furthered by the Government. The Government program caused a

vast displacement of labor, yet it studiously covered that aspect. A strong point the TEXAS WEEKLY makes is that the Government in its propaganda lulled the cotton farmers into a false sense of security as to the losing of foreign markets. That is the spear point of the WEEKLY'S contention. It steadfastly contends that foreign markets are the salvation of the cotton business. It thinks the Government is failing signally to advance American cotton in the markets of the world. (17261*)

(1) The cotton control vote.

FARGO, N.D. FORUM. IR. 12/20. * * * Under ordinary conditions this country exports about 50 percent of the cotton produced here. If it is to retain the economic setup of its past, the South must have outlets for this goods in the markets of the world; it cannot continue compulsory control so long that other nations shall take the leadership in cotton production, and there is accumulating evidence that this may happen. * * * (886646)

(2) British cotton buyers turn to Brazil.

PITTSBURGH, PA. POST-GAZETTE. I. 12/21. * * * Whatever may be said for or against efforts to raise prices through artificial control in domestic markets, they certainly should not be pushed to the point of sacrificing our foreign trade in such a commodity as cotton. * * * (886645)

News Columns

(3) U. S. cotton major factor in Japan's industrial set-up.

DALLAS, TEX. MORNING NEWS. ID. 12/20. (By Curtis Vinson.) (Osaka, Japan.) Now largest buyer of American lint; ranks second in number of bales consumed. * * (17408*)

(4) Japanese cotton trade continues to prosper.

NEW YORK JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 12/28. While dismal reports as to the state of trade come from most of the European countries, that from Japan, as published in the International Cotton Bulletin, the official organ of the International Federation of Master Cotton Spinners' and Manufacturers' Assns, is couched in glowing terms. "The first of half of 1934," says the Japanese report, "witnessed a continuance of the prosperity which the cotton industry enjoyed after the restoration of the gold embargo in 1931. Every index connected with the industry showed a healthy improvement in spite of the tariff measures enacted in British colonies against Japanese textile goods." * * * Turning to European reports, it is found that in Belgium "excessive individualism of a few manufacturers has caused the failure of all the suggestions offered up to the present" to deal with the difficulty of the excessive production capacity of the mills. In England little improvement has taken place in the spinning section of the cotton industry since the last report. (17427*)

News Columns - Pro

(5) Cotton price upturn seen.

JACKSON, MISS. DAILY NEWS. D. 12/30. (Greenwood) First half of year likely to bring better market; holiday business good. * * (17265*)

C O T T O NNews Columns - Pro

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(1) Cotton control proves benefit.
BIRMINGHAM, ALA. NEWS. ID. 12/23. (By P.O. Davis) (Auburn, Ala.)
Farmers produce crop at profit and enrich their coffers. (17414*)

(2) Cotton higher on better demand from mills.
WALL ST. JOURNAL. 12/24. * * (17413*)

News Columns - Con

(3) Outlook is poor for U. S. cotton exports to China.
NEW ORLEANS TIMES-PICAYUNE. ID. 12/26. (Wash.) Price spread between
Indian, American product larger than usual. * * (17260*)

D A I R YEditorial

(4) Let us do it ourselves.
RURAL NEW YORKER. New York. 12/8. Some one is sending out a persistent volume of propaganda to convince the people that 80,000 dairy farmers in New York are clamoring for Federal control of interstate milk traffic. We have had city and State regulation of milk for more than 50 years. The industry has relatively declined during the half century. It is comparatively at a lower economic standard now than ever before. Add the cost of Federal Government to the present burden and it will place an unbearable load on the shoulders of producers and consumers, and remove them farther than ever from control. * * * A simple economic plan of co-operation suitable to the distribution of milk has been suggested. It requires only little legislation. Farmers can direct it themselves. All the regulation it requires is full information to everyone concerned through publicity. New York dairymen have let others manage their milk business in the past. The result has not been satisfactory. It is time they now took up the job themselves. (17425*)

News Column - Pro

(5) State dairy growth soon.
JACKSON, MISS. DAILY NEWS. D. 12/28. Mississippi dairying outlook bright; price increases likely. (17264*)

M I S C E L L A N E O U SEditorial - Pro

(6) Next step in A.A.A. wheat program.
SIOUX CITY, IA. TRIBUNE. I. 12/26. From Kansas comes word that wheat growers generally are satisfied to continue under the A.A.A., but they do not, as yet, want its provisions made compulsory. Eventually they may come to it.

* * * Such a policy can be applied to grains and, through control of the production and disposition of grain, the production of livestock can be regulated to current requirements. Farmers generally will be prompt to fall in line with such a program because it is sound, sensible and represents all that they can expect within the limitations of their market. Such a policy represents a direct, sure route to price regulation in the domestic market. (890556)

News Columns - Pro

- (1) Burley tobacco prices show rise of 62 percent.
NEW YORK JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 12/26. * * (17270*)
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- (2) Southern tobacco farmers are prosperous again.
WALL STREET JOURNAL. 12/28. (By George B. Bryant, Jr., Winston-Salem, N.C.) General business booms. * * (17426*)
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Editorials

(1) Tariff removal urged to restore prosperity.

NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 1/6. Government assistance in bringing back normal flow of mortgage money also is recommended. (17551*)

(2) Significant comparison.

GREENVILLE, S.C. NEWS. ID. 1/2. Over in Russia a cotton farmer has faced the firing squad because of his alleged failure to go along sincerely with the Government's program of increasing production. In the United States we are employing civil law penalties to curb production, with the idea of keeping supply down to the level of demand. * * * The essential fact is that it is private capitalism with its profit motive that has given the world an abundance. * * * The communistic systems have yet to show that they can produce even enough to satisfy the increasing wants and needs of human beings. (892943)

(3) From top to bottom.

SIOUX CITY, IA. TRIBUNE. I. 1/9. If the principle of economic democracy shall be applied to agriculture--and that is the stated intention--the system by which economic democracy functions should operate from top to bottom. In other words, beginning in the township and county boards, which are elective under A.A.A., let the state committees be chosen in the same manner, and finally, let a national board or committee be similarly selected. * * * Without prejudice to any member of any state committee or the administrative group in Washington, there is an inherent danger of the A.A.A. falling into the hands of a political machine group. * * * Agriculture needs a continuing program, as distinguished from the present year-to-year program. The Adjustment act provides sufficient flexibility to meet changing conditions from year to year and, under the friendly ministrations of Henry Wallace, changes will be met. But, for safety's sake, the whole matter of policy should be shifted to the hands of farmers themselves insofar as practicable. * * * Agriculture should not be bossed, either by party politicians or farm organization politicians. It should function largely under the direction of men chosen by those engaged in the industry. That is democracy. More than that, it is common sense. (17716*)

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(4) Three years.

RALEIGH, N.C. NEWS & OBSERVER. D. 1/8. If anybody wants to know whether or not the farmers of North Carolina are in favor of the New Deal, let him look with them at the crop values as they rose with Roosevelt. In 1932, * * * the value of the principal crops of North Carolina was \$104,362,000. In 1933, * * * they rose to \$194,390,000. In 1934, the second year of the New Deal, they rose to \$266,499,000. Are North Carolina farmers back of the New Deal? Guess! (895583)

(1) Recovery will continue with better trade.
MEMPHIS, TENN. COMMERCIAL APPEAL. D. 12/30. (By Merrylye Stanley Rukeyser.) (New York) The year 1935 promises not only to carry the recovery movement substantially further, but also to be characterized by a clearer understanding of the objectives of enlightened policy. The logic of events will doubtless cause President Roosevelt to test all proposed policies by his own standard of balanced economy. The lifting power to all business of a state of equilibrium was clearly demonstrated in both 1933 and in 1934.
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(2) Farms in better demand.
DAVENPORT, IA. DEMOCRAT. D. 1/9. * * * (896793)

(3) Reducing farm debts.
RALEIGH, N.C. NEWS & OBSERVER. D. 1/9. The farmers as a whole are heavily in debt, but they want to pay, and are paying where they can. * * * (17545*)

(4) New start for agriculture.
HARRISBURG, PA. NEWS. ID. 1/8. The farmer is a good deal better off economically than he was a year ago. * * * Agriculture has been abundantly stimulated; it must take its pace, now, from the national revival as a whole. (896130)

(5) New farm credit plan.
DETROIT, MICH. NEWS. I. 10/9. The Government is developing a new way to furnish credit to farmers. Through the Farm Credit Administration's credit union section, rural people and others are assisted to form co-operative groups for negotiating small, short-term loans. * * * The new Federal credit unions are finding ready acceptance, and 70 organizations in 22 states have been formed during the three months since the first union was chartered. (17714*)

(6) Administration confident of recovery as 1935 dawns.
NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 1/1. (By Arthur Krock.) (Wash.) Whatever its critics may think, the Administration faces the New Year with confidence that it will consolidate in 1935 what it considers to have been a series of separate victories over the depression in 1934. * * * One does not have to be a deep insider to know that the Government numbers in its important personnel many men who are still beset with doubts of the effect of the Administration's policies. * * * Taken as a whole, however, the Administration is certain that the back of the depression has been broken during 1934. * * * (17554*)

(7) New start for agriculture.
JACKSON, MISS. DAILY NEWS. D. 1/15. * * * This indicates that the cumbersome and occasionally irritating A.A.A. scheme worked out rather better than some of us expected. In fact, it leads one to suspect that this program

has done about all that it can do, and that further advances for the farmer must come from a revival of industrial activity and a recovery of our foreign markets. Agriculture, in other words, has been abundantly stimulated. It must take its pace, now, from the national revival as a whole. (17711*)

(1) The President's "restored" agriculture.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. JOURNAL. IR. 1/7. If there was a word or sentence in the President's well written and lucid opening message to Congress, likely to draw adverse comment from the super-critical, it was his reference to "restored" agriculture. * * * Conceding a trace of justifiable disappointment over failure to reach the top, it would yet be more distressing to think of how much worse off general business would be, had not agriculture made the partial comeback, the effects of which are being felt. (17542*)

(2) Congress and the farmer.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. JOURNAL. IR. 1/11. It is difficult, as yet, to know what Congress will do for, or to, agriculture. * * * Some eastern legislators declare that, as the farmer must some time go back to working out his own salvation, now is the time to make a start in that direction. * * * Out of it all, it is to be hoped, will come such legislation as will help agriculture, already a long way up from the depths, to continue progress, and will bring farm purchasing power closer to pre-war parity with prices of what he has to buy. Meanwhile some strong farm organizations have ideas of what ought to be done and will make themselves heard. (17710*)

(3) Crop control pays dividends.

MILWAUKEE, WIS. JOURNAL. I. 1/2. The fallacy of overproduction was stripped naked of its allurements during 1934. The old cry of the farmer, "The more we plant the more money we will get," is exactly opposite to the facts. Instead it has been shown that the relationship between supply and a profitable market is direct and effective. * * * But the case for control need not rest entirely on what happened to wheat, corn, hogs and cotton. A reverse instance may be cited. There was not control of potatoes, so farmers planted more. They increased production 65,000,000 bushels and thereby decreased the value of the crop \$63,000,000. The potato farmers are even now asking the Government to buy potatoes in order to help them out. * * * Now that the fallacy of overproduction is demonstrated, the opponents of control take another tack. They argue that it is a moral and economic sin not to raise all that the earth will produce. Why is it not also a sin for factories not to produce all that their machinery can make? * * * The characterization of the Government plan as the "economics of scarcity" is political and deceptive. It is meant to fool the farmers, and the rest of us. (17548*)

Editorial - Con.

(4) The negro's plight.

BUFFALO, N.Y. NEWS. IR. 1/4. Too little attention has been given the plight of the Negro in the Dixie cotton belt as the regulations of the A.A.A. continue to hamper him in the effort to earn a living. At a recent conference at Tuskegee various speakers complained bitterly of A.A.A. discrimination.

In addition they scored the N.R.A. because of rising industrial prices. As a matter of fact, neither of the Administration's policies has benefited the Negro in the slightest. Due to the peculiar political conditions of the Southern States he is in no position to impress the law makers at Washington. A large proportion of the race is on the relief rolls of Dixie and there it will remain until the present policies of restrictive production are entirely abandoned by the Roosevelt regime. * * * (894733)

News Columns

- (1) Farms in East must change along with other sections.

MANCHESTER, N.H. UNION. IR. 1/8. (By H.C. Woodworth.) Self sufficing plan suggested, including more plowing, better pastures and home grown grain. (313169)

- (2) Farm institute closes meeting.

RALEIGH NEWS & OBSERVER. D. 1/12. The Institute of Farm Organizations concluded its two-day meeting at State College with discussion of agricultural agencies and their relation to farm cooperatives. Interest centered around the possibilities for a greater coordination of the different agricultural organizations. * * * (17713*)

- (3) Colleges argue A.A.A. question.

DES MOINES, IA. REGISTER. IR. 1/9. (Jefferson, Ia.) Creighton University and Iowa State College will debate the question "Resolved That the Agricultural Adjustment Administration of the Federal Government Should Be Abolished After the Crop Season of 1935." * * * Iowa State College is taking the affirmative, and Creighton the negative. * * * (17715*)

- (4) Iowans' A.A.A. support cool.

DES MOINES, IA. TRIBUNE. IR. 1/9. (Wash. AP) Iowa Congressional support of the A.A.A. program sponsored by Iowa's Secy Wallace is wavering and may vanish almost completely. The Iowa delegation is watching with keen interest the maneuvers intended to give Representative Eicher's cost of production bill a chance of enactment and the members appear slated to play important roles in the new farm bloc organization where the question is likely to be disputed warmly. * * * (17712*)

- (5) See foreign trade gaining during 1935.

NEW YORK JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 12/31. Foreign traders are evidencing a greater degree of optimism than they have since 1930. In a survey made by THE JOURNAL OF COMMERCE it was found that exporters and importers share alike in the feeling that 1935 is to see a continuance of the upward swing begun in late November. Estimates as to the extent of improvement vary widely, however, and in most cases expressions of opinion are predicated on certain hoped for developments. * * * (17555*)

(1) Japan's commerce with U.S. vital to both nations.
DALLAS, TEX. MORNING NEWS. ID. 1/3. (By Curtis Vinson, Tokio, Japan.)
91 percent of silk sold here, while 25 percent of cotton bought by Japanese.
* * * (17560*)

(2) British industry continues steady rise in new year.
WASHINGTON STAR. I. 1/6. 36,000 more persons have jobs than month
ago. Bankruptcies drop. * * * (17566*)

News Columns - Pro

(3) Farm price level continues to rise.
NEW YORK JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 1/16. (Wash. UP) * * * (17706*)

(4) Farm tool makers.
WALL ST. JOURNAL. 1/16. (Chicago) Industry more friendly to A.A.A.
with 1935 farmer income expected to exceed \$6,000,000,000. * * * (17705*)

(5) Farming areas show largest business gain.
DALLAS, TEX. MORNING NEWS. ID. 12/29. (New York, Special to The News)
Level of industrial activity above seasonal average, national survey shows.
* * * (17547*)

(6) 1935 outlook for Navarro farmers good.
DALLAS, TEX. MORNING NEWS. ID. 1/5. (Corsicana, Tex.) Federal money,
higher prices and improved farm practices help business conditions. * * *
(17550*)

(7) Illinois farm outlook good.
CHICAGO HERALD & EXAMINER. I. 1/3. (Urbana, Ill. AP) Agricultural
authorities at the University of Illinois said the 1935 outlook for Illinois
farmers is the best in several years. * * * (17549*)

(8) Kentucky farm outlook bright.
LOUISVILLE COURIER-JOURNAL. I. 1/1. (By Ernest Rice) Crops, prices,
credit better. * * * (17556*)

(9) Retail industry continues gain, survey shows.
NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE. IR. 1/5. Uncertainty over consumer buying
power dispelled by improved patronage. * * * (17562*)

(10) Southern outlook is best since 1928.
MEMPHIS, TENN. COMMERCIAL APPEAL. D. 1/2. (Atlanta, Ga. US.) Merchant
shelves almost bare and but few dark spots. * * * (17561*)

(1) Urges farmers to cling to control plans.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL. STATE JOURNAL. IR. 1/6. PRAIRIE FARMER editor is one of speakers at Bureau meeting. Appeals to go along with the Farm Bureau organization in its drive for co-operation and with the Government in its control programs were made by the speakers at the seventeenth annual meeting of the Sangamon County Farm Bureau at Springfield High school. * * * (17543*)

(2) Farm Bureau growth seen.

JACKSON, MISS. DAILY NEWS. D. 1/5. Plans for speeding up the organization of additional strong county farm bureaus and the strengthening of existing county farm bureau units were approved by farm leaders of Mississippi. * * * (17563*)

(3) A farm market study.

KANSAS CITY, MO. TIMES. I. 1/5. (Blue Springs, Mo.) The value of farmers' co-operative marketing associations as a means of improving agricultural prices was stressed at the annual livestock meeting of the Jackson County Farm Bureau. The meeting was the fifteenth county-wide conference held so far under the auspices of the Missouri Farm Bureau Federation. * * * "Past history shows, that the least organized group is the one which pays the heaviest taxes. It behooves the farmer to organize and so far, the Farm Bureau has the best record of any agricultural group in protecting the farmer's tax interests." * * * (17544*)

(4) Agriculture has united front on important issues.

MANCHESTER, N.H. UNION. IR. 1/8. (Concord) For the first time in the history of the state, New Hampshire agriculture will this winter present a united front in the Legislature on several major pieces of legislation affecting the farms and pocketbooks of the rural population. * * * (313196)

(5) Labor given larger part of dollar spent on food during year.

ST. LOUIS GLOBE-DEMOCRAT. I. 1/2. (By C.M. Chester, Pres. Gen. Foods Corp.) Small percentage retained in form of profits by package companies. The business of manufacturing and selling packaged food is able to report progress for the year 1934. * * * The year just ended has been one of intense competition. It was a year for thorough and constant study of the market, for improvement of advertising and selling plans, for proposals of the research experts to improve old products and introduce new ones. * * * Farm products, mainly because of the drought, were in less abundant supply. Four basic American farm products were selling, toward the close of the year, at prices about 100 percent higher than in 1932, and 35 percent higher than in the preceding year. It was estimated that total food production during the year was four percent lower than actual consumption. * * * (17559*)

(6) Shippers see business gains in first quarter.

CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE. IR. 1/4. Based on the estimates of shippers as to the number of freight cars they will need in the next three months, business in a large part of the Chicago district during the first quarter of 1935 will

show substantial gains over the first quarter of 1934 in many lines and in others will hold about even. Five hundred members of the Midwest Shippers' advisory board at a meeting in the Palmer House estimated shippers will require 656,133 freight cars during the quarter, compared with 660,670 cars actually moved in the first quarter of 1934 and 610,391 moved in the first quarter of 1933. Had it not been for the disastrous drought of last season, which seriously affected agricultural pursuits, there would have been a gain of five percent over the 1934 quarter. * * * (17717*)

(1) A.A.A. will benefit three million farmers.

SIoux FALLS, S.D. ARGUS LEADER. R. 1/8. (Wash.) Will take advantage of cooperative procedure made possible under act. * * * General income data for the country as a whole give a brighter picture of the 1934 situation of farmers than actually exists in some areas where drought forced heavy liquidations of livestock. The receipts of farmers from sales are included in the 1934 income figures, whereas in some of the drought states these sales represent considerable selling off of livestock that is needed for breeding purposes. For some farmers this will mean losses of income until foundation herds can be restored. This situation is compensated for to some extent, however, by the fact that many farmers have sold their cull livestock, and their herds consequently are of a higher average quality for foundation stock than ever before. (17709*)

News Columns - Con

(2) New Deal tyranny, says farm leader.

NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 1/6. Milo Reno charges policies of Roosevelt guide Nation toward dictatorship. * * * (311334) *

(3) Urge farmers be left free to govern output.

CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE. IR. 1/10. Unrestricted farm production and free markets for trading in futures were urged by witnesses who participated in the forum on grain marketing problems and related subjects which opened at the Hotel Sherman. The hearings are being held by a special committee of the Farmers National Grain Dealers Assn., a national organization of farmers having interests in country grain elevators. * * * (314892)

(4) A.A.A. destruction resurrects high cost of living.

CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE. IR. 1/15. Reduction of crops hits every pocket. (By Howard Wood) Riding on the heels of the political destruction of food supplies in a year of scarcity, Old Man High Cost of Living has come back to reside with the American householder. * * * A cursory examination of the sources of supply and of the sentiment of the marketplace indicates nothing to break this upward movement. The reason is simple. In a year of scarcity, when nature was producing too little rainfall to produce normal crops, the Government, through its A.A.A., was destroying food and curtailing farm production. Just how much blame should be placed on the drought and how much on the professors of the brain trust who sponsored the theory of producing wealth by destroying wealth it is impossible to determine. * * * (17707*)

C O T T O N

News Columns

- (1) Dixie Senators move to revise Bankhead law.

WASHINGTON POST. I. 1/10. Would exempt three-bale farmers from terms of control act. * * * (17540*)

- (2) Southern mill men find orders larger.

NEW YORK JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 1/7. (Charlotte, N.C.) Industry expects no labor upheaval despite threats by Gorman. * * * (17564*)

- (3) Cotton sales from Brazil rise sharply.

DALLAS, TEX. MORNING NEWS. ID. 12/27. * * * (17567*)

- (4) Japanese textile interests control markets of China.

DALLAS, TEX. MORNING NEWS. ID. 12/27. (By Curtis Vinson, Shanghai, China) Japanese interests today virtually dominate the cotton textile industry in China. Chinese-owned mills lead in number, have more spindles, employ more laborers and consume more cotton. But the Japanese mills are more soundly financed, more modern in equipment and more efficient in operation. * * * (17568*)

News Columns - Pro

- (5) Federal help is big cotton factor.

MEMPHIS TENN. COMMERCIAL APPEAL. D. 1/2. (By G.A. Phillips, AP Financial Writer.) (New York.) Bankhead Act and 12-cent loan important influences-- Domestic consumption and exports are off. With the Federal Government an active partner, the cotton industry made substantial headway toward recovery in 1934. *** (17569*)

- (6) Not getting out soon.

GREENVILLE, S.C. NEWS. ID. 1/4. "Realistic observers of the course of events," says the JOURNAL OF COMMERCE, "can see little ground for the belief that any material relaxation of Government control over the production and marketing of cotton will be witnessed within the near future." * * * (894313)

News Columns - Con

- (7) Farm laborer hurt by U.S. cotton policy.

DALLAS, TEX. MORNING NEWS. ID. 1/3. (Austin, Tex.) Demand for seasonal workers reduced by program; many added to relief rolls. Seasonal labor on farms in Texas and other cotton States has been greatly reduced as a result of the operation of the Government's cotton acreage curtailment program, Dr. A. H. Cox, director of the University of Texas bureau of business research, pointed out. * * * (17565*)

M I S C E L L A N E O U S

News Columns

- (1) N. Y. tobacco market to be discontinued.

WASHINGTON POST. I. 12/31. (New York, AP) Lack of sufficient business is blamed for decision of governors. The board of governors of the New York Tobacco Exchange voted to discontinue trading at once and dissolve the exchange as soon as the necessary papers can be prepared. * * * (17553*)

- (2) Onion farmers move to avoid labor trouble.

WICHITA, KANS. BEACON. I. 1/9. (Kenton. O. INS.) Discouraged by the series of wracking labor disturbances last summer, onion growers in the Scioto Valley marshlands, are abandoning their acreages for onion-growing and are moving their operations to other fields, notably Michigan. The marshlands, which had made this section "the onion center of the world," will be idle or planted to potatoes and corn the coming summer. Thus the section loses a major industry. * * * (17546*)

- (3) A.A.A. pushes butter plan.

DAIRY RECORD. St. Paul. 1/2. (San Francisco) What is seen here as the first step in an A.A.A. plan to extend its program of butter labeling and cream grading throughout the United States will be taken this week and next when the proposal will be submitted to the West Coast industry in a series of conferences. * * * (17708*)

News Column - Pro

- (4) Sugar industry has New Deal.

NEW YORK SUN. IR. 1/2. Lower tariff and quota system bring profits in sight. For the sugar industry the year 1934 was notable for the fact that the Government gave it a well-conceived plan to rehabilitate its fallen fortunes. * * * (17558*)

News Column - Con

- (5) Cattle men find outlook is bleak.

NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 1/6. (Denver, Colo.) Government's buying plan viewed by many as only temporary palliative. * * * (17552*)

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A.A.A. - AGRICULTURE GENERAL

Editorials

(1) To point out conflict.

SIoux CITY, IA. TRIBUNE. I. 1/10. Within a few days Secy Wallace is expected to submit to the Senate an economic analysis of N. R. A. and A.A.A. on which the Dept. of Agri. has been working for several months. It is expected to prove something of a bombshell. * * * There is conflict between N.R.A. and A.A.A., a fact concerning which few farmers have been deceived since N.R.A. got into full swing. Nor has N.R.A. yielded the benefits for agriculture that were expected from it. It did not increase the market for farm products to an appreciable extent. Mr. Wallace's final analysis will be interesting. The agricultural chief has perhaps the keenest analytical mind in Washington. And if he is satisfied that N.R.A. is a flop so far as agriculture is concerned, he has the courage to say so. (898956)

(2) Toward integration?

WASHINGTON POST. I. 1/17. * * * Elimination of deep-rooted incongruities is one of the greatest responsibilities facing the Administration. * * * Any thoughtful survey of the present situation will reveal a grave need for merging of these disparate measures into a comprehensive national policy. If the broad-gauge conferences on the future of the A.A.A. are a step in this direction, they will constitute a most significant milepost in the history of the New Deal. (899316)

(3) Idle tenant farmers.

DALLAS, TEX. MORNING NEWS. ID. 1/4. There is much food for speculation in the warning that work of some kind must be found promptly for the thousands of lower-bracket tenant farmers. * * * (17746*)

Editorials - Pro

(4) Farm lands in more demand.

NASHVILLE, TENN. BANNER. ID. 1/15. * * * The increase in the number of sales and the advancing price are construed in official circles as indicating a distinct revival of interest in farm lands both by farmers and investors. * * * (899331)

(5) New start for agriculture.

ROCKY MT. NEWS. Denver, Colo. I. 1/11. The farmer is a good deal better off economically than he was a year ago. * * * Agriculture has been abundantly stimulated; it must take its pace now from the national revival as a whole. (17739*)

(6) Farm year continues propitious.

PASADENA, CAL. STAR-NEWS. IR. 1/12. * * * The California farm year 1934-35, to date, is the best in two decades.

(1) A good year.

FRESNO, CAL. BEE. I. 1/11. * * * Good times appear to be in store for the California farmers. (899322)

(2) Now in the picture.

PORTLAND, ORE. JOURNAL. I. 1/8. Oregon farmers profited \$7,000,000 more in 1934 than in 1933. The farm income for the year just ended was \$75,000,000 and may reach \$80,000,000 when final figures are available. The announcement is by a farm economist of the Oregon State College. * * * (17738*)

(3) Farm land sales.

ST. PAUL, MINN. PIONEER PRESS. I. 1/5. Intelligent and carefully administered aid to agriculture through a variety of Federal sources is beginning to have other results in addition to an increase in the price of farm products. * * * This is reflected in a steady increase in the demand for farms and farm lands which is responsible for a rise of 20 percent in land prices in 1934 as compared with 1933. * * * An increase in land purchases is a still more accurate indication with regard to improved outlook for it is the best possible evidence that purchasers plan to stick to the ship. It is a far better ship now with a lot of dead weight disposed of, the cargo livened up, and the period of time between the ports of income and outgo liberally lengthened. (17745*)

(4) New Deal Aids the Farmer.

COLO. SPRINGS FARM NEWS. ID. 1/4. When the final record of the New Deal program during these turbulent days of depression is written, one thing is certain. Calm perusal will reveal to the fair-minded that never in all history has a Government attempted to render such a broad program of assistance to the agricultural industry. * * * Uncle Sam is lending a big hand to the farmer, realizing, quite naturally, that only as the nation's basic industry prospers can all America find economic and social progress and prosperity. But lending the hand of cooperation he is. And those who know it not, are those who will not see. (17722*)

(5) Farm cooperation.

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. JOURNAL. ID. 1/15. Prediction has been made in these columns that the Federal crop control program will have the effect of teaching many farmers the value of cooperation. In fact its exemplary effect may outweigh its immediate financial results. * * * Farmers who desire to run their own cooperatives without the Government having a hand therein, should set up water-tight organizations and hold each member to strict accountability for the maintenance of the rules of the group. Only in this way can they expect to attain the logical and attainable goals of cooperation. (899327)

(6) Administrator Davis' Topeka visit.

TOPEKA, KANS. DAILY CAPITAL. R. 1/12. The addresses and conferences of C. C. Davis, Administrator of the A.A.A., in Topeka gave scores of farmers, farm editors and others interested in agriculture, as well as thousands of others over the radio, an opportunity to hear an interesting man on a subject absorbing to Kansas. * * * Mr. Davis has no sure-fire cure for the problems and disorders of agriculture. On the other hand, he has confidence that

the present study of the many issues concerned, the frequent conferences, the improved organization and the receptive spirit of the American farmer will bring out important benefits for the future. Probably the most hopeful prospect for the farmer, and the most fruitful effects of the widely extended work of the A.A.A., lies in the area of agricultural cooperation. This includes cooperative purchasing, distribution and marketing, and even in some aspects production, and cooperation with whatever Government agencies will survive the present experimental period. * * * The activities and forms of the A.A.A. will change, but new and profitable setups will eventuate, from which agriculture will benefit and reach a permanent basis of prosperity. This is not only the hope of the cooperative agencies, including the Government itself, but is the probability. (17723*)

(1) The Secretary dreams.

MO. FARM BUREAU NEWS. Jefferson City. 1/11. "The Secretary blissfully dreams on," says the PENNSYLVANIA FARMER in commenting on Secy Wallace's annual report. The comment was not intended as praise, and there are many who, having read the report, would not agree that criticism is justified. But the remark gives occasion to point to what the hard-bitten practical ones of the earth need to remember, and that is, that all progress that the world has made these thousands of years, has been, in some one's heart and mind, a dream long before it became reality. There is no progress without dreams. * * * Granted that Henry Wallace and others of our leaders dream dreams and see visions, all leaders of all ages have so dreamed--have seen the dawning light of better things. And to the extent that their dreams came true, to that extent has the world moved forward. (17725*)

(2) Food, drug, cosmetic bill.

DALLAS, TEX. MORNING NEWS. ID. 1/17. * * * Senator Copeland announces that the purpose of the revised bill is to protect both the public and the industries involved. This unquestionably is the intention of this bill, which aims to save the public from adulteration and poisonous ingredients in food or drugs. Naturally, in doing so, some industries that have prospered by false representations and deceptive statements on label or in advertisement may resist vigorously the adoption of this food and drug bill. Reputable industries, however, favor a bill that will safeguard their own industries against fraudulent rivals. (17759*)

(3) Corn belt repayments.

BOSTON, MASS. HERALD. R. 1/18. * * * The corn loans on the 1933 crop have virtually been liquidated. * * * The most distressed of all borrowers are reported to have been those who obtained loans on second mortgages, yet they have paid their interest maturities nearly in full and installments on the principal of debts not yet due. A striking token of the wish of the corn belt people to keep out of debt is cited to have been their refusal to enter in any except the smallest way upon the home modernization loan program. The industrial East might well take notice of these manifestations of gumption in the corn belt. (17755*)

- (1) Farmers a favored class.

NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 1/15. (To the Editor:) * * * It would be absurd to favor all classes of industry with subsidies; it is worse than absurd to pay subsidies to one class at the expense of all others. (Henry Ware Allen, Wichita, Kans.) (17753*)

- (2) Two years of happy days.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND. STAR. IR. 1/16. (To the Editor:) We have had about two years of the New Deal, and in what condition do we find ourselves? More people are on relief than at any time in the past. Happy days have not returned. * * * (H. N. Armstrong, Loogootee, Ind.) (17748*)

- (3) Surplus of this and shortage of that.

IDAHO FARMER. Boise. 1/10. A surplus of wheat and a deficit of hogs! * * * The great live stock areas of the Middle West are crying for feed. The Pacific Northwest and Canada are crying to get rid of wheat which is a good feed. Canada's cries are heard by the middle western importers and by the Canadian railroads, with the result that Canadian and not Pacific Northwestern wheat is being fed in the drought area. There is no doubt that the wheat farmers of the Pacific Northwest are now on a basis of direct competition with Canadian feed wheat. * * * Is it logical to suffer the inevitable losses from too much wheat and too little live stock. Is it logical to pay freight on outgoing wheat and incoming live stock when we might escape both by converting more of our surplus wheat into meat? There's something phony about the whole set up. (17726*)

News Columns

- (4) Farm repair need noted.

JACKSON, MISS. DAILY NEWS. D. 1/16. State agencies pledged their support to the farm modernization program of the Federal Housing Administration. * * * (17729*)

- (5) Non-political view of Farmers Union is held important.

ATLANTA, GA. CONSTITUTION. D. 1/17. Indications that a non-political attitude will be taken toward economic subjects presented to the State Legislature at this session are seen by observers who have attended a series of six meetings held recently under the auspices of the Farmers Union Legislative committee. Since members of the Farmers Union are found in all political parties, espousal of a definite program by this group is expected to carry considerable weight with the entire legislative body. * * * (17719*)

- (6) Process tax test.

KANSAS CITY, MO. STAR. I. 1/11. David Lawrence forecasts another important showdown on New Deal legislation. * * * (17743*)

- (7) High Court oil decision viewed as portent of doom for N.R.A.

NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE. IR. 1/18. (By Mark Sullivan, Wash.) Mark Sullivan finds Administration is aware of peril to all existing codes in limitation of Congress power to delegate authority. * * * (17762*)

- (1) Farmer-labor plan is urged.

MILWAUKEE, WIS. JOURNAL. I. 1/4. (St. Paul, Minn.) Governor Olson puts program up to conservative Minnesota legislature. * * * The Farmer-Laborite demanded that the Legislature submit to popular vote a constitutional amendment to permit the State to own and operate a power system and engage in general operation of public utilities, packing plants and other key industries. * * * (17732*)

- (2) U. S. to seek trade pacts of Canada, Italy.

NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE. IR. 1/15. (By Albert L. Warner, Washington.) Hull ready to open talks with first two major nations for reciprocal treaties. * * * (17751*)

- (3) Britain notes gain in foreign trade.

NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 1/15. (London) Imports jumped nine percent last year while exports rose only seven and one-half percent. * * * (17750*)

- (4) Amtorg chief seeks U. S. aid to boom trade.

NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE. IR. 1/15. Industrial and financial leaders in the United States were urged by the Amtorg Trading Corporation to aid in bringing about favorable conditions for the expansion of American-Russian trade.

News Columns - Pro

- (5) Farmers joined in crop programs.

TRENTON, N. J. GAZETTE. I. 1/12. More than three million participated in adjustment projects. * * * Present indications are that in 1935 income from the sale of farm products, plus rental and benefit payments will show some advance over the 1934 level. * * * (319712)

- (6) Chain store sales in 1933 up 25.2 percent.

NEW YORK JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 1/15. (Wash. UP) * * * (17742*)

- (7) Trade review finds consumer demand gaining.

CHICAGO DAILY NEWS. I. 1/11. Retail sales average 10 to 15 percent above level of year ago. (Dun & Bradstreet Inc.) * * * (17737*)

- (8) Southern farmers' income up sharply.

CHICAGO JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. (Atlanta) * * * (17730*)

- (9) Arkansas farmers are building homes.

MEMPHIS, TENN. COMMERCIAL APPEAL. D. 1/7. Using native hardwoods-- Cost under imported lumber. * * * (17731*)

- (1) Farm situation more healthy.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. STAR. I. 1/9. Less artificial stimulation for a prosperous agriculture in 1935 than in 1934 was seen by the vice president of the International Harvester Company, who addressed Minnesota implement dealers. * * * (315839)

- (2) U. S. erosion camps helped Texas farmer.

DALLAS, TEX. MORNING NEWS. ID. 1/17. * * * (17760*)

- (3) Farmers adopt resolution in support of A.A.A.

BAITIMORE SUN. ID. 1/11. Maryland group pledges help for laws making it permanent. * * * (315833)

- (4) The farm income increased.

KANSAS CITY, MO. TIMES. I. 1/4. * * * There can be no question that the policies of the A.A.A. have resulted in an immediate improvement of the farm situation. The same is true of the Farm Credit Administration. The only question is whether this improvement has been worth what it has cost the Government to bring it about and whether the continuation of policies adopted may not have stimulated foreign production and restrictions on imports which will be a bear influence on American agriculture in future years. (17747*)

- (5) What to watch in 1935.

WALL ST. JOURNAL. New York. 1/2. (By Bernard Kilgore.) World trends, U. S. credit and A.A.A. still important--Banking figures may take on double significance. * * * The A.A.A. is still, in my way of thinking, one of the most important of the so-called recovery agencies. In many respects it tops all the others. Always less spectacular than the N.R.A., it has pushed its way (or has been drawn) further and further into the American economic system. * * * The A.A.A. has already reached the point where it simply cannot let go. Its activities certainly will form one of the most interesting chapters when the history of 1935 is written.

- (6) Plan to cut farm benefits hit as delaying recovery.

DENVER, COLO. POST. I. 1/8. (Chicago, AP) * * * (17733*)

News Columns - Con

- (7) Reno states A.A.A. betrays farmers.

MACON, GA. NEWS. D. 1/5. * * * (New York, UP) * * * Reno, who will address the National Republican Club and other organizations here, declared the A.A.A. was a creation of "braintrusters" without agricultural background, experience, or understanding. * * * (17721*)

- (8) Farm leader urges change in A.A.A. policy.

OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMAN. ID. 1/15. National Union head condemns crop destruction at State meeting. There would be no problem of over-production if

the problem of under-consumption were solved, E. H. Everson, president of the National Farmers' Union, St. Charles, S.D., told 500 farmers. * * * (319710)

C O T T O N

Editorials

(1) Idle tenant farmers.

DALLAS, TEX. MORNING NEWS. ID. 1/4. * * * The cotton industry is at present inextricably interwoven into the economic and social life of the South and especially of Texas, the Nation's foremost cotton producer. Highly specialized farming en masse in the production of Texas cotton has built up a closely interdependent relationship between farming, processing, transportation and foreign markets. The subject calls for joint study and treatment along lines of a broad approach to the collective problem. Small tenant farmers deprived of work on cotton farms, where not only reduced cotton acreage but introduction of mechanized farming threaten the former livelihood of this type of more or less floating labor, must either be absorbed in industry or go on relief rolls. * * * (17724*)

(2) Cotton program shaped.

HOUSTON, TEX. POST. D. 1/17. * * * While the Government is considering means of eliminating the surplus now on hand, it should study also the long-time phase of the problem and shape a permanent program that will keep the cotton export industry alive. (70016)

(3) Control of cotton.

NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 1/19. * * * Hitherto the Administration has waived aside the suggestion that this situation held any serious risk for us. But the present suggestion of a "world agreement," while none too promising in itself, at least suggests that sober second thought has gained a lap on somewhat heady optimism. * * * (17757*)

Editorials - Con

(4) Is cotton control suicidal?

NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE. IR. 1/18. * * * There is now talk in Washington of seeking a world agreement restricting the output of cotton. Is any one naive enough to believe that the Brazilians, the Mexicans, the Egyptians and other producers would voluntarily curtail their production of cotton simply to help the New Deal? (17756*)

(5) Quotas fixed for cotton.

WALL ST. JOURNAL. New York. 1/19. * * * The outside world has shown that it can increase its production and sell comparable grades of cotton for less than our pegged price. By restricting production we are running away from

the enemy at the gates. * * * Instead of spending millions to reduce acreage, suppose a well directed effort be made to increase production and lower costs. * * * Increased yields and earnest efforts to open world markets are the only methods to meet and permanently dispel "emergencies" in cotton production. We never can do it by putting hobbles on our own efforts. (17758*)

News Columns

- (1) Cotton employes will make direct appeal to Roosevelt in campaign against control.

GALVESTON, TEX. TRIBUNE. ID. 1/9. Officials of the Cotton Industries Employes' Assn plan to make a direct appeal to President Roosevelt in the present campaign to bring modification of the Government's cotton control regulations. * * * (315838)

- (2) Cotton growers to organize at Memphis meeting.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK. GAZETTE. ID. 1/17. (Memphis, Tenn. AP) A permanent organization of cotton producers will be set up here and a long-time crop control program is expected to be advocated. Growers from 19 Southern States will meet under the tentative name of the All-Cotton States Council, the nucleus of which is composed of farm leaders. * * * "The plan is to make this council a permanent organization of, by and for the cotton producers to work out a long-time program for Southern agriculture." * * * (17718*)

- (3) Cotton is higher despite big sales.

NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 1,20. Mill buying and price fixing active, but uncertainty over gold reduces trading. * * * (321278)

News Column - Con

- (4) Federal cotton policy accentuates acute textile situation in North.

BOSTON, MASS. HERALD. R. 1/14. Even mills that have withstood competition of South alarmed by future--Labor joins in attack on processing tax. * * * (17741*)

D A I R YEditorial

- (5) Dairy industry's better outlook.

LONG BEACH, CAL. PRESS-TELEGRAM. I. 1/12. * * * Offsetting somewhat the glowing marketing side of the dairy industry is a somewhat heavy increase in feed prices. The increase, however, is not sufficient to deprive the producer and distributor of all of the benefits of increased retail prices. * * * (899323)

News Column

- (1) Must advertise State cheese, claims Mulloy.

MADISON, WIS. CAPITAL TIMES. I. 1/15. (Milwaukee) Voluntary payment of one percent of their monthly milk checks, to help finance a paid advertising program for Wisconsin natural cheese, was asked today of the 60,000 dairy farmers of Wisconsin by E. P. Mulloy, president of Wisconsin Cheese Publicity Assn. * * * (17727*)

G R A I N

News Column

- (2) Kansas grain stocks lowest in many years.

TOPEKA, KANS. DAILY CAPITAL. R. 1/17. Most corn now on farms shipped in. * * * (17754*)

News Column - Pro

- (3) Larger world wheat trade seen in 1935.

DALLAS, TEX. MORNING NEWS. ID. 1/10. (Montreal, Canada, Special) The beginning of a breakdown in the barriers which have seriously hampered international wheat trade, reported from European countries, holds considerable promise for improvement in the world wheat situation, according to an international wheat review by the Royal Bank of Canada. * * * (17736*)

M I S C E L L A N E O U S

Editorial

- (4) Washington's arm longer.

TOPEKA, KANS. JOURNAL. IR. 1/14. * * * The power to regulate farming is to remain forever in Washington. In addition to the basic commodities, ways are to be found to help and thus to obtain control of minor lines of production. Despite the opposition of cattle men to Administration proposals in the earlier days of the New Deal, a cattle plan has been worked out and now reposes in the archives of the Dept. of Agri. The drought intervened. It beat the livestock producer to his knees. Government rushed to the rescue. It is saving him being kicked in the face and ribs, but when he finally is assisted to an upright position he may find that his hands were tied by his benefactor, while the assistance was being received. * * * (899591)

News Column

- (5) Ask solons boycott firms using foreign grown spuds.

MADISON, WIS. CAPITAL TIMES. I. 1/15. A resolution asking members of the Legislature not to patronize any hotels or other business which advertises

foreign grown, in preference to Wisconsin grown potatoes was introduced in the State Senate by Sen. G. E. Ingram, Eau Claire. * * * (17720*)

News Columns - Pro

(1) California canned pack already 80 percent sold.
WALL ST. JOURNAL. NEW YORK. 1/15. (San Francisco) Largest total since 1930 also is about 60 percent shipped; canners league estimates. * * * (17749*)

(2) Canners rush to buy machinery for plants.
CHICAGO JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 1/15. (By Milton L. Van Slyck) Orders for equipment to prepare for record year point to boom in durable goods; labeling law main problem at convention. * * * (17744*)
